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## Governance Timeline

- **Incentivized Mergers**

After self-evaluation/analysis and regional conversations per 16 V.S.A. Chapter 11

- **Accelerated** – “phase 1 mergers” (Act 46 of 2015)  
All districts in an SU become a single unified school district
  - voter approval: 07.01.16
  - fully operational: 07.01.17
- **REDs & Variations** – “phase 2 mergers” (Acts 153 of 2010 & 156 of 2012)  
Include Side-by-Side mergers & MUUSDs
  - voter approval: 07.01.17
  - fully operational: by 07.01.19
- **Later “Conventional” Mergers** – “phase 3 mergers” (Act 46)
  - voter approval: no deadline
  - fully operational: by 07.01.19

- **Proposals for “Alternative Structures” by Nonmerging Districts** (Act 46)

After self-evaluation/analysis and regional conversations per Act 46, Sec. 9

- proposal due: 11.30.17

- **Secretary of Education’s Statewide Proposal** (Act 46)

- proposal due: 06.01.18

- **State Board of Education’s Final Statewide Plan** (Act 46)

Governance changes to SUs and districts to the extent necessary, possible, & practicable

- issued: by 11.30.18
- effective: 07.01.19